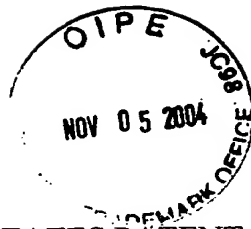


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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.